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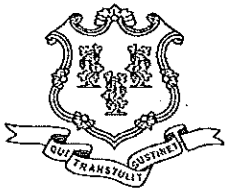


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Mr. Russell, attached please find a letter from Betsey Wingfield and the Public Notice of Intent to Adopt Stream Flow Standards and Regulations and to Hold a Public Hearing. The original letter will be mailed along with a copy of the public notice. Thank you.

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Bart Russell, Executive Director
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As the many experts who dedicated countless hours of their time over the past three and a half years to help DEP develop this framework will undoubtedly attest, regulating stream flow is a new and very challenging endeavor. As a result of their input and the on-going efforts of DEP staff, we were able to design an approach that takes advantage of the best available science, is consistent with sound public policy, and is feasible to implement. It includes many innovative elements that represent a significant step forward in how Connecticut manages its water resources and it ensures that the desired result can be achieved in the least disruptive and most cost-effective way. While the proposed Stream Flow Standards and Regulations are protective of Connecticut's river and stream systems, the proposal is not simply about providing more water for fish. It is about promoting better, more efficient management of our water resources so that all needs, both human and ecological, can be met both today and in the future.

The proposed regulation is a significant step in the regulation development process. We certainly anticipate that the final regulation will be shaped by comments received during the public comment period. Given the complexity of the regulation and interest in this topic, the comment period extends through February 4, 2010.

I encourage you to attend one of the scheduled informational meetings on November 9, 2009 and December 21, 2009. The public hearing is scheduled for January 21, 2010. If your organization would be interested in having DEP present the proposed regulatory framework to your members, please contact me at (860) 424-3704 for scheduling.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Betsey Wingfield".

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